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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On December 15, 2003 the undersigned telephoned the Examiner to discuss the Advisory Action dated December 8, 2003. The undersigned questioned the Examiner's refusal to enter the Amendment After Final that merely corrected claim 1 that contained an obvious error as a result of a previous amendment. The undersigned noted that the Amendment After Final stated on the record that the claim was being amended to correct the error, and that error is readily apparent upon comparison of the claim with original claim 1. The Examiner maintained his refusal, stating that the error was not clear to him.

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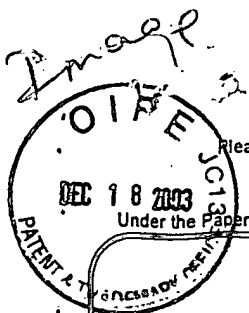
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